

LOWEN EN WILL NOT ENTER CABINET OR DIPLOMATIC FIELD

Informing Harding That He Cannot Give Services to Nation at Present.

HERT STEPS FORWARD

Kentuckian May Represent the South, Probably as Secretary of Navy.

NEW YORKER IS CALLER

A. H. Smith, President of N. Y. Central, Tells of Plight of Railroads

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, ST. AUGUSTINE, Feb. 17.—Former Gov. Frank O. Lowden of Illinois today was definitely eliminated as a Cabinet possibility. President-elect Harding himself made the announcement with an accompanying expression of keen regret. Mr. Harding had made no specific offer of a place to Mr. Lowden, but it was well known that he would have appointed him Secretary of the Navy if the Illinois man had been in a position to accept. "Mr. Lowden informs me," Mr. Harding said, "that because of his personal affairs he finds it impossible to enter the public service at this time. You may say that I am sorry."

In reply to a question whether Mr. Lowden might be expected to accept a diplomatic post, which has been suggested, Mr. Harding repeated: "I said that Mr. Lowden had found it impossible to enter the public service." Mr. Harding was then asked if Mr. Lowden's definite declination would necessitate a shift of the Cabinet appointments already decided upon or otherwise retard the work of completing his slate. His reply was: "Oh, no; it is only a matter of personal disappointment to me. I should have liked to have Mr. Lowden become a part of the administration."

One immediate effect of Mr. Lowden's elimination, however, is that it has materially strengthened the chances of a Southern being brought into the Cabinet. The Southern Republicans who have been endeavoring to impress Mr. Harding with the desirability of doing this are losing no time in taking advantage of the new development.

Hert Pays Timely Visit

There are intensive drives under way for Representative J. Bascom Sloop of Virginia, former United States Senator, Newell Saunders of Tennessee, T. H. Houston of Chattanooga and one or two others. But coincidence sometimes plays an important part in the solution of just such political problems, and the arrival today of A. Tobias Hert of Kentucky may be another instance. Mr. Hert was on his way home from California by way of New Orleans and stopped over for a call upon Mr. Harding. The arrival, practically on the heels of Mr. Lowden's message of declination, led to speculation as to whether he might be asked to take the navy portfolio.

Mr. Hert is national committeeman from Kentucky and had been mentioned as a possible Secretary of War. He has extensive business interests in Louisville and his appointment would be regarded as a recognition of the demand for Southern representation in the Cabinet. There has been some effort also in connection with the navy portfolio to arouse sentiment for Senator Miles Polk of Washington on the ground that he would represent the Pacific coast, but this has not progressed beyond the point of his informing Mr. Harding that Senator Polk was in a receptive mood.

Hoover Still Considered

The situation then today is that three Cabinet places—Navy, Commerce and Labor—still are open and a dozen men yet under consideration. Besides those already mentioned these men are not out of the picture: John Hays Hammond and Herbert Hoover, both of whom have many backers for the Commerce portfolio, and T. V. O'Connor, James J. Davis, John I. Nolan and James Duncan, who are under consideration to head the Department of Labor, in about the order named.

The President-elect had a long talk last night with A. H. Smith, president of the New York Central, who came to discuss the problems affecting the railroads. Their talk was not confined to a discussion of the Government's debt to the roads, but involved broader matters affecting the future of the roads. Mr. Smith went over with Mr. Harding some of the fundamental features of the situation. He told the President-elect that a complete change of conditions must be brought about if the roads are to continue to function during the reconstruction era.

J. Parker Kirlin of New York, miralry lawyer and counsel for a number of steamship lines, discussed shipping matters and brought to Mr. Harding's attention the fact that as soon as he assumes office he will have the appointment of seven members of the Shipping Board, the present members of which automatically go out of office March 4, none of them having been confirmed by the Senate.

Discussing this situation, Mr. Harding let it be known that he would offer an appointment on the board to Senator George E. Chamberlain of Oregon, who failed of reelection to the Senate. It is understood that Senator Chamberlain will accept. This is the first important appointment to go to a Democrat. Mr. Harding admitted that one or two other names had been suggested to him in connection with the Shipping Board. One of these is Representative George L. Edmunds of Pennsylvania, member of the House Committee on Merchant Marine. Mr. Harding was asked if Admiral W. B. Benson, the present chairman of the board, was under consideration for reappointment. He replied that it would hardly be possible for any member to escape consideration for reappointment.

Mr. Harding said he had heard that Major-General Leonard Wood, whose name has been suggested in connection with the vacant Governor-Generalship of the Philippines, was on his way to Florida on official business. He said he had no appointment with Gen. Wood, but would be very glad to see him if he should call. The President-elect also said that no definite appointment had been made with Andrew W. Mellon of Pittsburgh, who is slated to be Secretary of the Treasury, and who also is reported to be on his way here.

MARGARET WILSON LAYS DOWN LAW TO CONGRESS

Tells Members Who Oppose Aid for Community Centres on Ground They "Breed Unrest" to Mind Their Own Business and Not Act as Censors.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Members of Congress, who, she said, had opposed appropriations for local community centres, on the ground that they were "breeding unrest," were warmly taken to task by Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the President, in an address at today's session of the National Woman's Party convention here.

Declaring there was no evidence to support the charge, Miss Wilson asserted that, even granting there was such evidence, it was "not the business of Congress to supervise the activities of speech of those they represent," but the "business of the courts to try the individuals who have broken the law."

Adding there had also been expressions of opposition in Congress to the use of schools by community centre organizations for dancing, Miss Wilson asked: "Granting that we have a moral right to use the school buildings, is it any of their business what we do in

them, whether we listen to Socialist speeches or whether we dance?"

Speaking as a representative of the National Community Centre Organization, Miss Wilson declared more could be accomplished toward true self-government and necessary social reforms by the organization of local groups into cooperative, thinking bodies than through the workings of party organizations. On this ground she advised immediate abandonment of the National Woman's Party, which, she said, was not in a broad sense "non-partisan," but "exclusive," and organized for the purpose of "building up a woman's machine," which would not be "more honest or effective than a man's machine."

Prior to Miss Wilson's address, however, the executive committee of the National Woman's Party had placed before the convention a recommendation that the organization be continued, though reorganized under another name and with a new programme and a new executive board.

WOMEN ADVISED TO STICK TO PARTY

Gov. Miller Congratulates New National Republican Club.

The importance of holding the recently enfranchised citizens within the party organization was emphasized by Gov. Miller in a telegram read at the housewarming yesterday of the Woman's National Republican Club, 38 West Thirty-ninth street. Speakers and others who sent greetings also advised strict adherence to the party.

The Governor's telegram, which was received with applause, congratulated the officers on the formation of their club and commended its purposes. He declared that he heartily approved of it and he reiterated that those purposes were such as he had commended in his recent address before the New York State League of Women Voters. "Allow me to praise the wisdom which leads you to avoid the semblance of non-partisanship," the message said, "and to ally yourselves openly with one of the two great political organizations. By associating yourselves with a great political party you put away the suggestion of forming a woman's party."

The club, which is the first of its kind to be organized by women voters, owes much of its decorative charm to Mrs. Charles H. Sabin and Mrs. Arthur E. Lott, together with the assistance of a score of ardent Republican sisters who are responsible for this woman's political meeting place.

Already the club has a membership of 500, including residents and non-residents, a number far in excess of that which can be accommodated in the two floors of the building. But the address is temporary, for the club hopes soon to have its own commodious house.

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MEETING TO OUST WHITE CALLED OFF

Foes of Democratic Chairman Forced to Drop Plan for Reorganization.

LOVE FEAST IS HELD

Executives Decide to Devote Energies to Discovering Republican 'Issues.'

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.

The political forces of Gov. Cox gained at least a temporary victory today over the group back of William G. McAdoo, when the executive committee of the Democratic National Committee rejected the demand of the insurgents for a reorganization meeting of the full committee on March 1. The movement to oust Chairman George White, which had been one of the aims of the proposed meeting, collapsed in face of what started out to be a knock-down-and-drag-out session, but which developed into a general Democratic love feast.

The executive committee adopted a compromise programme postponing indefinitely a meeting of the full committee, although, in fact, a referendum was provided by which the membership will be enabled to voice its opinion as to whether such a meeting is desirable at an early date. The matter, however, was left entirely in the hands of Chairman White, who made it plain he has not the slightest intention of resigning.

At the same time the executive committee took steps to institute a permanent organization, to keep books on the incoming Republican Administration with a view of using the information so derived in the next campaign. Authority was provided for the employment of a staff, including a director of publicity and for the maintenance of permanent headquarters in Washington.

Mr. March, treasurer of the committee, declared that the Democratic national campaign cost \$1,500,000 and that collections up to date had been \$1,400,000. Roughly, he said, the deficit due to the campaign is now \$150,000, having been reduced materially since the election. It is the immediate intention to wipe out this debt by obtaining subscriptions from leading Democrats and Chairman White was authorized to appoint a budget committee of five to take charge of this work and attend to other fiscal affairs of the organization, chiefly the provision of permanent headquarters and the staff.

CARDINAL DOUGHERTY TO GET \$500,000 GIFT

Philadelphia Catholics to Raise Purse for Prelate.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17.—A purse of half a million dollars is to be the gift of Roman Catholics of the archdiocese of Philadelphia to the Most Rev. Dennis J. Dougherty when he returns from Rome as a Cardinal, according to the plans of prominent members of the church, made public here to-night.

A smaller purse, it is understood, will be presented Saturday, just before Archbishop Dougherty and his entourage start for Rome. A delegation of 500 Catholic clergy and laymen of the archdiocese will accompany the Cardinal, designate from Philadelphia to Hoboken Saturday morning. He will embark upon the Holland-America liner Nieuw Amsterdam.

The delegation accompanying him to Rome will include six priests and seven laymen. Mr. J. J. Crane, Vicar General of the archdiocese, and the Very Rev. J. A. Whitaker, Chancellor, will act as Archbishop Dougherty's personal attendants.

The flight on the question whether a meeting of the full committee should be called overshadowed, however, the business of the executive committee. It began when Thomas B. Love, committeeman from Texas, and Robert W. Woolley, formerly of the I. C. C., both of whom are McAdoo leaders and ever active in his behalf, appeared with a petition signed by fifty-six members of the national committee, asking that a meeting be called on March 1. The petition originally had been signed by sixty-three members of the committee, but seven withdrew their names when it developed that the meeting was for the purpose of receiving Chairman White's resignation.

The petition had been changed. The last paragraph, which had been interpreted as a slap at Chairman White, was left out. It had wished Mr. White all good things when he retired, attention having been called to the fact that soon after the election he had said it would

not be possible for him to continue long as chairman. Mr. Woolley said the paragraph had been added to the petition in compliment to Mr. White, not to offend him, and that in view of the fact it had been regarded by some as offensive he had taken it out.

Sharp talk developed soon after the session opened, when Mr. Love, explaining why he believed a meeting of the full committee was desirable, said the chairman did not have authority to name the executive committee. He said he had gone over the records and could find no such authority.

"Why, then," demanded Senator Glass, "do you present a petition to us? If this committee is not legally constituted we ought to know it right now."

Hostility Is Denied

The arguments for an early meeting of the committee were made by Mr. Love, Mr. Woolley, Samuel H. Amidon of Kansas, Miss Mary Archer of Pennsylvania, J. Edgar Hoover of California, James D. Moyle of Utah and Miss Chari Williams of Tennessee. In general they took the position that a meeting was desirable in order to put the Democratic machinery in proper working order, but they all specifically denied their purpose was to depose Chairman White or to boost any individual as a Presidential candidate. They regretted, they said, that the movement had been interpreted as being in the interest of Mr. McAdoo.

Chairman White led the arguments against calling the full committee, taking the stand that the executive committee was entirely capable of dealing with the present situation; that a meeting of the proposed committee would tend to further party discord and that it would be well to wait for a time before starting any heavy political activity, at least until the Republicans got into office and had an opportunity of creating a few issues which the Democrats could fight.

In this he was upheld by a number of members of the committee, but it remained for Homer S. Cummings of Connecticut, one time chairman of the committee, to swing the tide to Mr. White.

Mr. Cummings declared it would be inexpedient to have a meeting of the committee at this time, particularly in view of the fact that the purpose had been misunderstood. He said that originally he had favored a meeting, but that he opposed any effort to oust Chairman White. Mr. White, he explained, had been drafted into the service and had made a good fight against insupportable odds and was entitled to the support of all the members. He suggested that a resolution be introduced saying that it was the sense of the executive committee that a meeting of the full committee was unnecessary.

Angus W. McLean of North Carolina later introduced a resolution to that effect, which was adopted unanimously.

45 GERMAN TARS GOING HOME

Interred Sailors to Stop on Way at Ellis Island.

NOGALES, ARIZ., Feb. 17.—Five German sailors interned in German ships anchored in the Gulf of California and in west coast of Mexico ports during the war, arrived at Nogales today en route to Ellis Island on their way to Germany. Two Germans deserted the train at Hermosillo, Sonora, officers in charge said.

STATE DEMOCRATIC REVOLT UNDER WAY

Reform Leaders Organize at Luncheon Given by Osborn and Gerard.

M'ADOO GROUP PROMINENT

Resignation of Chairman Farley Likely to Be an Object to Be Sought.

Reorganization of the Democratic State machine is the avowed object of a movement started yesterday at a luncheon in the Downtown Association.

William Church Osborn, at one time chairman of the State Committee, who has taken part in a number of rebellions against the State leadership of Charles F. Murphy, and James W. Gerard, former Ambassador to Germany, were the hosts for about twenty men, most of them of the reform or independent stripe.

The presence of former Gov. Alfred E. Smith, whose allegiance to Tammany is unquestioned, was unexplained except by the statement of one of the hosts that it was sought to have all elements of the party represented. Mr. Smith refused to discuss the affair, except to say he had been invited and had accepted. It was suggested that possibly his reputed interest in the United States Senate nomination in 1922 might be involved.

The fact that Bernard Baruch, Stuart G. Gibboney and other close friends of William G. McAdoo were picked as members of the group was responsible for an inference drawn by some politicians that the move might be in the interest of the son-in-law of President Wilson.

However, it was said by politicians that Mr. McAdoo was not on good terms with Mr. Murphy and the present control of the New York State organization, and if he had any ambitions to be the Presidential nominee in 1924 it would be an important factor to have the backing of his home-State.

It was explained that Mr. Baruch could not attend the luncheon because of absence from town. The group includes William H. Edwards, Collector of Internal Revenue, who had been suddenly called to Washington, and Martin Vogel, former head of the Sub-Treasury in this city. Both served under Mr. McAdoo when he was Secretary of the Treasury. Mr. Gibboney's firm has been counsel for the Federal Reserve Bank in this district.

Administration Group Present

Others in the group who have been directly or indirectly connected with the Wilson Administration are Melville J. France, former United States Attorney in Brooklyn; Henry Morgenthau, Frank L. Folk, former Under Secretary of State; Franklin D. Roosevelt, former Assistant Secretary of the Navy and

candidate for Vice-President in the recent campaign, and Gordon Achenbach, son-in-law of Col. Edward M. House. Mr. Morgenthau and Mr. Roosevelt were out of town and Mr. Folk was detained by a business engagement.

Among those present not already mentioned were John G. Agar, lawyer; Charles B. Alexander, former president of the National Democratic Club; Frederick H. Allen, a Westchester lawyer; Lathrop Brown, former Representative in Congress from a Long Island district; William N. Dykman, Brooklyn attorney; Charles Harwood, Manhattan lawyer; George Edward Kent, Nassau county lawyer; Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Robert Grier Monroe, Charles J. McDermott, former county judge in Kings county; Frederick Osborn, Morgan J. O'Brien, Jr., Frederick A. Wallis, Commissioner of Immigration, and Egerton Winthrop, Jr.

Others connected with the movement who would have been present yesterday had they been in the city were George Gordon Benson, Cleveland, H. Dodge, Abram I. Elster, Morgan J. O'Brien, Sr., and Thornton Wilson, who was associated with Mr. Gerard when he was chairman of the finance committee of the National Committee.

Mr. Osborn said that while the present group includes only men from this city and vicinity, the plans involve a State-wide organization for the purpose of "regenerating" the party.

Hands Off City Campaign

Mr. Osborn said he and his friends had not the slightest intention of dabbling in the municipal situation. The fall of taking any part in the reorganization of the national committee.

"We discussed a number of plans," he added, "to bring about a more effective Democratic organization in New York State. The discussion was entirely cheerful and friendly. We have no axes to grind, no tomahawks to brandish."

By-laws were adopted and these officers chosen: Mr. Osborn, president; Mr. Agar, vice-chairman; Mr. Kent, treasurer, and former Representative Brown, secretary. Mr. Gerard, Mr. Folk and Mr. Roosevelt were named as an executive committee, with power to add to their number.

Mr. Osborn said that Mr. McAdoo had not been invited to participate. When someone suggested to Mr. Osborn that the presence of former Gov. Smith might be taken to mean either that he had broken